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RWANDA: VISIT

Q: Do you have an update on A/S Shattuck's visit to the region?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA RAWSON, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCKINLEY LEFT TANZANIA THIS MORNING AFTER HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN DAR ES SALAAM AND DUDOMA. WITH THE RECESS OF THE ARUSHA TALKS, THEY DID NOT TRAVEL TO ARUSHA.

-- THEY TRAVELLED NEXT TO BUJUMBURA, WHERE THEY MET WITH KEY OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PARTIES, AND TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI FOR ITS SUPPORT DURING THE RECENT EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM RWANDA.

-- LATER TODAY THEY WILL TRAVEL TO KAMPALA TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOW UGANDA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN WORK TOGETHER TO END THE KILLING, ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE, PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND INITIATE AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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Q: What is the status of the Arusha talks?

A: -- THE TALKS WERE RECESSED YESTERDAY; THERE IS NO FIRM DATE ESTABLISHED FOR A REPRISE OF DISCUSSIONS IN ARUSHA.

-- WE ADMIRE THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA FOR THE ROLE IT HAS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE RWANDAN TRAGEDY, AND SUPPORT THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO THE REGION.

Q: Has a cease-fire been established between the Government of Rwanda and the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF)?

A: -- WE ARE AWARE OF PRESS REPORTS IN TANZANIA OF A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. OUR EMBASSY IN DAR ES SALAAM HAS NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS; THEY ARE CONTINUING TO ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THEM.

-- RADIO TANZANIA HAS REPORTED THAT THE RPF HAS AGREED TO IMPLEMENT A CEASE-FIRE BEGINNING MAY 7.

-- PRINT MEDIA IN TANZANIA REPORT THAT GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA OFFICIALS SIGNED A DOCUMENT IN ARUSHA AGREEING TO A CEASE-FIRE. THESE REPORTS QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AS SAYING IT HOPES THE RPF WILL HONOR AN ORAL COMMITMENT MADE IN ARUSHA TO ABIDE BY A CEASE-FIRE.